## **REMARKS**

This is a preliminary amendment to cancel those claims (2 - 4, 10 - 18 and 65 - 67 that have James Shelton as a co-inventor).

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely.

However, if this amount is insufficient, please charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

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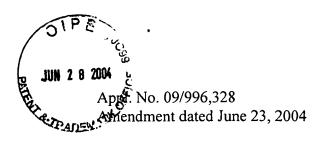
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